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A BILL FOR

1 An Act imposing an age restriction for motorcycle passengers
2 and making a penalty applicable.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.275, subsection 2, paragraph b, Code
2 2009, is amended to read as follows:

3 *b. Motorcycles.*

4 (1) A person shall not operate or ride a motorcycle on
5 the highways with another person on the motorcycle unless the
6 motorcycle is designed to carry more than one person. The
7 additional passenger may ride upon the permanent and regular
8 seat if designed for two persons, or upon another seat firmly
9 attached to the motorcycle at the rear of the operator. The
10 motorcycle shall be equipped with footrests for the passenger
11 unless the passenger is riding in a sidecar or enclosed cab.
12 The motorcycle operator shall not carry any person nor shall
13 any other person ride in a position that will interfere with
14 the operation or control of the motorcycle or the view of the
15 operator.

16 (2) A person shall not operate a motorcycle on the highways
17 with another person on the motorcycle who is under twelve years
18 of age.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill amends current law concerning the operation
21 of motorcycles to prohibit transporting a passenger who is
22 under 12 years of age. The provision does not apply when a
23 motorcycle is operated in a parade authorized by permit from
24 local authorities.

25 Under existing law, a person who violates provisions
26 relating to the transportation of passengers on a motorcycle
27 commits a simple misdemeanor, punishable by a scheduled fine
28 of \$25. That penalty is applicable for a violation under the
29 bill.